

'SUN' TOBACCO FUND A PATRIOTIC MEDIUM

Smoke Gifts a Proof to Soldiers That They Are Not Forgotten.

SUFFERINGS TO BE FACED

Help for Men at Front Now Paves Way to a Speedy Victory.

The great parade is over. We are more than ever convinced now that New York's Own is going to do its part and a big part in making the world safe for democracy. Now the question is put squarely up to those who are not going over to France to fight: "What part are you going to play in the victory?"

There's a lot to think about in a letter which The Sun Tobacco Fund has received from Jack Felbel, 374 Broadway, one of its faithful contributors. Mr. Felbel writes:

"A soldier's card from France, received this morning, acknowledging a tobacco donation, bears a note so pathetic as to bestir me again. It is only this:

"We are glad the people of the U. S. still think of us."

"Can we realize the comfort, the joy, the encouragement our soldier boys in France must experience when they can feel and know that the people in the U. S. still think of them? Thanks to The Sun Tobacco Fund, we have a way in which we can help them."

"We should give again that the help may be ever adequate. How unhappy we should feel if the boys should ever write over:

"We are sorry the people of the U. S. have forgotten us."

"Let it never come to that!"

It never will come to that if Mr. Felbel's example is followed. He backs up his words with deeds—\$25 worth on this particular occasion.

Lessons to Be Learned.

There was a fine letter in The Evening Sun last night from one of the men now in active service in France. After describing weather and other conditions, he says:

"And America has just started. What is in store for her if the war lasts very much longer? Much more suffering, many more hardships, to be sure. She'll have them thrashing and facing them bravely, for has not Europe been doing that for almost four years, and is young America going to fail to do her part after witnessing how bravely her older allies have borne their sufferings for so long? Surely not!"

"If she could only realize fully what her own people have done and are doing through and are still going through for the cause so dear to their hearts she would do all in her power to attain the victory."

"The question is, 'Are we prepared to give our all?' How many lessons will be necessary before we really learn what that means? If each one who has got to learn could only be convinced of the sternness of those lessons he might soon come to understand what was expected of him."

One Way to Be of Service.

Hits the bulls-eye, doesn't it, this letter? It's from one who is right on the ground and knows whereof he speaks. It bids us all wake up and do something! One way to be of service, as Mr. Felbel's correspondent tells us, is by keeping the soldiers supplied with smoke. The time to do this is right now, so that we "shall travel on the shortest road to victory."

But let's not talk of sacrifices when we give. That's a word that in these times belongs peculiarly to the men who are now at the front, the fellows we saw and admired yesterday, their mothers and wives and sweethearts. The rest of us are sacrificing nothing, giving as we may. In asking for smokers our forces aren't demanding but all. Are you, you individual reader, giving, not just all, but anything at all?

The smoker as he makes a purchase in the Schulte cigar store today will have an opportunity to help the fund without the slightest effort on his part. This is a double certificate day in all the Schulte stores, so it behooves everyone to lay in a big supply not only to see him over Sunday, but for many days to come. Every customer will receive just twice the ordinary value in certificates. Deposit these certificates in The Sun Tobacco Fund box and the soldiers will receive just twice the benefit that comes from an ordinary day's deposits.

Moreover the Schulte company is going to give 5 per cent. of the total sales receipts for the day to the Save a Home Fund of the Evening Mail. This announcement doubtless will attract a yet greater patronage. Let's deposit all the certificates! Let's make it a red letter day for the soldiers!

Last Chance to See Exhibition.

Today also is the last opportunity for friends of the fund to help increase the amount it is to receive from an average day's attendance at the collaborative exhibition of the Architectural League and the Building Crafts.

One of the many features of interest is the play of the design for the Washington Arch, shown in Washington supported by mythological figures.

The exhibition as a whole has been the most comprehensive and universally enjoyable of all the league has given in its thirty-three years of existence. It costs only 25 cents to visit this display before it passes into history, and there could hardly be a better way to spend the Saturday half-holiday and incidentally help the soldiers to smoke than by going up to see it in the Fine Arts Building, at 215 West Fifty-seventh street.

As Lent grows to its meridian a number of semi-private affairs are being arranged for the smoke fund, converts which partake of the nature of invitation, rather than readings before small societies and early subscription dances.

A concert of this private kind will be held in the small ballroom of the Ansonia. Also there is to be a reading of "The Boat on the 'Natchez'" before the Brooklyn Society, and both are intended to benefit the fund. The subscription dance to be held at the Brooklyn Woman's Club on the evening of March 1, with Mrs. Kenneth Lord and Mrs. Edward J. Haff as hostesses, promises to be a very delightful event and one which will be profitable for the smoke fund.

Godowsky to Give Recital.

Early in March posters announcing the recital concert of the celebrated pianist Leopold Godowsky will be put out by his managers, Messrs. H. & J. Jones, who are giving their services in this instance because it is Godowsky's donation to The Sun Tobacco Fund. At the same

time circulars of selections which will play are to be issued. A bare announcement of a recital has great interest, as is shown by the numerous letters received by the managers asking for details. They have not been able to give these yet, but are expecting daily a programme from Godowsky, who is touring at the present time in British Columbia.

The inquirers do not confine their questions to the pianist's managers, but at least six letters a day are received by the management of Aeolian Hall, where the concert is to take place on March 21. C. H. Pfeiffer, manager of Aeolian Hall, said yesterday that while inquiries about such an event were always to be expected, these came a little earlier than usual, showing genuine interest. It should be remarked here that the use of Aeolian Hall is donated by the management for this concert.

There is another contribution this morning from Seneca G. Lewis of Jeanette, Pa., the general manager of the Pennsylvania Rubber Company, the new amount representing additional royalties on the sale of copies of "Columbia." Mr. Lewis's splendid march with patriotic chorus, in advance of any sales Mr. Lewis has made, has been a great success.

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PALM BEACH PARTY TO AID SMOKE FUND

Open Air Entertainment and Ball to Be Given in Coconut Grove.

PATRONESSES SELECTED

Dillingham and Ziegfeld to Stage Special Revue With Follies Stars.

Special Despatch to The Sun.

PALM BEACH, Fla., Feb. 22.—The outstanding event of the Palm Beach social season will take place next Wednesday night, when a grand open air entertainment and ball will be given in the original Coconut Grove, in front of the Royal Poinciana Hotel, with The Sun Tobacco Fund as the beneficiary.

It will be the first time that a benefit for this project has been attempted on anything like so large a scale so far from New York, but the bare announcement of the event is to take place has caused a veritable furor of excitement in the big fashionable colony here. By unanimous consent of the visitors the smoke fund affair is to take place in the annual fancy dress ball, which would have been held next week.

Society and the musical and dramatic world are uniting to insure the success of the great undertaking. Florenz Ziegfeld and Charles Dillingham are arranging to put on a Palm Beach revue, with the assistance of the Follies stars, who have made the Follies famous. Among the entertainers who are already here are Ann Pennington, who is enthusiastic over every project to aid the tobacco fund; Marion Davis, Kay Laurell, Ethel Davis and Grace Darling, and yet others are on the way.

Gene Buck is writing a series of special songs, appropriate to the occasion and to the object of the benefit. A part of the music, in line with a suggestion made by Mr. Ziegfeld, will have to do with Spanish men-of-war.

A list of patronesses has already been selected, with Mrs. Edward Browning of Philadelphia as chairman. The others are Mrs. Charles F. Choate, Mrs. Alfred G. Vanderbilt, Mrs. John C. King, Mrs. David Randolph Calhoun, Mrs. Charles B. Dillingham, Mrs. John L. Rutherford, Mrs. Frederick Lewisohn, Mrs. William J. L. de Munn, Mrs. Frederick Duff Frazier, Mrs. Quincy Adams Shaw, Mrs. Douglas W. Paige, Mrs. Kenneth Bradford, Van Riper, Mrs. Henry Dillingham, Jr., and Mrs. Barclay Warburton.

The patronesses will have as aids Miss Madeleine Cochran, Miss Mary Brown Warburton, Miss Ethel Carhart and Miss Ada Norfleet, who will pass among the tables selling cigarettes.

Desires the professional part of the entertainment there will be general dancing. The managers, the Poincianas and Breakers hotels are donating the use of the grounds and the service. It is expected that the full moon will heighten the effect of the tropical gardens, and as the smart season is now approaching its height, there is every reason to believe that the party will be most spectacular in a long list of Palm Beach successes.

AMHERST TO RUSH WORK.

Amherst Spring Holidays and Will Close June 5.

Special Despatch to The Sun.

AMHERST, Mass., Feb. 22.—Amherst will close June 5 and the spring holidays and semester examinations have been cancelled, according to announcement made in chapel to-day by President Melickjohn. Action to this effect was recommended by the faculty at its last meeting and the board of trustees informally has given its approval.

The purpose of the changed calendar is to release the men in college earlier in June for summer Government work and also to give the men in college who may be called into Government service at any time as much uninterrupted college work as possible before they go.

LAUNDRY WORKERS MAY QUIT.

Three Unions Demand Increase in Scales of Wages.

A general strike of laundry workers if demands for increased wages are not granted was being planned yesterday. Three laundry workers' unions—the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, the Laundry Workers International Union and the Women's Trades Union League—announced that they would soon be in a position to force their employers to raise the wage scales. Arrangements are being made for joint meetings.

Officials of the Laundry Workers' Union assert that their members receive the lowest wages and have the worst working conditions of any trade in the city.

Miners Refuse to Return to Work.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 22.—Despite pleas of organizers and other officials of the United Mine Workers of America that they return to work pending investigation by the Fuel Administration of their claims that the terms of the Garfield agreement are not being lived up to by the operators, striking miners here, after taking a vote, have refused to return to work until their complaints have been considered by Government officials.

NOTICE TO ALL ICE MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS

Under and pursuant to the Laws of the State of New York, as provided in Chapter 4 of the laws of 1918, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL CONCERNED, that the manufacture and sale of artificial ice is prohibited on and after March 1, 1918, in the City of New York, on Long Island, and in the counties bordering on the Hudson River up to and including the Counties of Albany and Rensselaer. No person, partnership or corporation shall engage in the business of manufacturing, selling and delivering artificial ice in any city of more than one million inhabitants after March 1, 1918, and before February 1, 1919, before first obtaining a license so to do to be issued by the Ice Comptroller in the form prescribed by him.

This notice is given, therefore, to all persons interested in order that they may make application, in writing, to the Ice Comptroller at his office, Room 3233, 120 Broadway. Such applications must be made by mail to the under signed.

B. B. ODELL, Ice Comptroller.

FOUR SOLDIERS HELD FOR TREASON PLOT

Enemy Aliens in 91st Division Planned to Betray Army.

CAMP LEWIS, Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 22.—Four National Army soldiers were held in the guardhouse to-day awaiting a Presidential warrant from Washington, which at least will mean their internment as enemy aliens who plotted not only to shoot their officers but also to deliver all the American soldiers in their organization to the German army.

A general cleanup of enemy aliens at Camp Lewis is in full swing, officers said. Thirty-four were discharged to-day from the service. Altogether about 200 men have been weeded out from the ranks of the Ninety-first Division, and the work is not yet completed. The internment or prosecution of those discharged to-day rests with the Federal civil authorities.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Officers of the Judge Advocate-General's office said to-day that any National Army soldiers charged with plotting treason would be tried by military court-martial and if found guilty would be liable to the death penalty.

17 GERMAN WOMEN RELEASED.

Families of Interned Mariners Put in Swiss Consul's Charge.

BOSTON, Feb. 22.—Seventeen German women, with thirteen children, detained at the immigration station here since their arrival from the Philippine Islands recently, were ordered released to-day and placed in the custody of the Swiss Consul. They are members of the families of interned officers of seized ships.

Commissioner of Immigration Henry J. Skeliffington in ordering their release stipulated that the bureau must be kept informed of their whereabouts.

60,000 IMPERILLED BY UKRAINE PEACE

Czecho-Slovak Troops Endangered, Speaker Tells Slovak League Convention.

SESSIONS OPEN HERE

Patriotic Issues to Bulk Large in Three Day Discussions.

With 200 delegates present from all parts of the United States, the Slovak League of America's convention was called to order yesterday afternoon in the Bohemian National Hall, 325 East Seventy-third street. The convention is to continue for three days, during which a number of questions relating to the Slovaks in this country will be discussed.

The Slovak League of America is a federation having a membership of 200,000 American citizens of Slav birth. The league was organized six years ago to raise funds to be devoted to the mental and moral uplift of Slovaks in this country. As a result of its work in educational lines the federation has been termed one of the best Americanization agencies. The leaders are men and women who have become thoroughly Americanized.

Denounced House of Hapsburg.

One of the elements which these leaders have had to contend with is an organization which for years has been maintained by the Hungarian Government to keep American immigrants in ignorance of true American ideals, so that instead of becoming citizens they would return to Hungary.

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HOOVER APPEALS FOR BIGGER FOOD SAVING

War Lost, He Warns, Unless 'Mors Is Sent to Allies.'

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 22.—As a war necessity the people must largely refrain from eating their surplus for the next sixty days, possibly for a longer period. This statement was made to-day on the authority of Federal Food Administrator Hoover, by Howard Helms, administrator for Pennsylvania, speaking before an audience of newspaper managers. This telegram from Mr. Hoover was read:

"The food situation of the Allies grows more critical every week. Their own short crops coupled with ever increasing shortages of shipping, which limits the importations more and more to food from the nearest markets, make the responsibility of America in the provision of food for the Allies even greater. All our efforts must be redoubled to meet the absolute necessities of our associates in the war during the months to pass before the next harvest. Unless we do meet them the war cannot go on."

"I appeal, therefore, with renewed earnestness to the people of Pennsylvania and to our people all over the land to give their support to the attempt of the Food Administration to solve this food problem. Every measure adopted has for its first aim the winning of the war. The prosecution of the war restricts the purchases and use of wheat flour by food manufacturers, bakers, wholesalers and retailers has been adapted only after much thought and because it is the only way by which the necessary wheat saving can be effected."

"It is only by the help of all the people and their wholehearted acceptance and support of the measures adopted by the Food Administration that the situation can be met. Without this help the food cannot be sent. It is not sent it means but one thing, catastrophe."

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